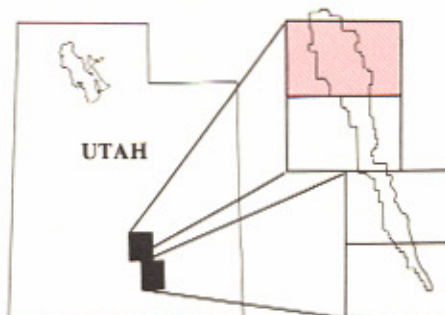


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Ferns Nipple, along Scenic Drive, Navajo Sandstone



Temple of the Sun, Lower Cathedral, Entrada Sandstone



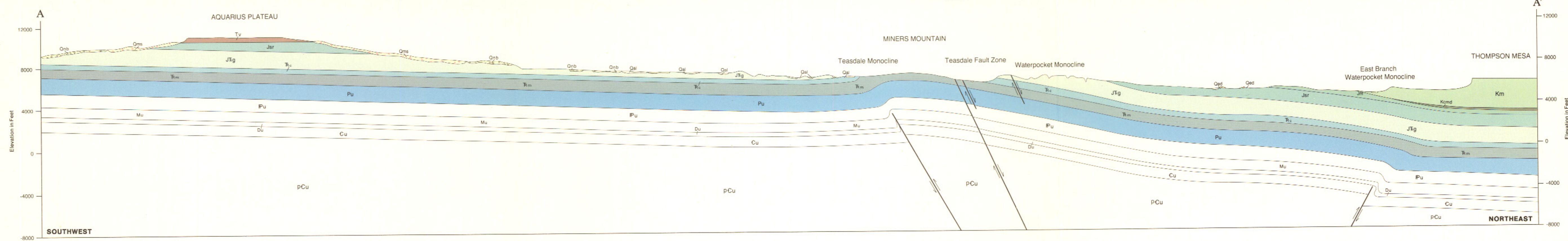
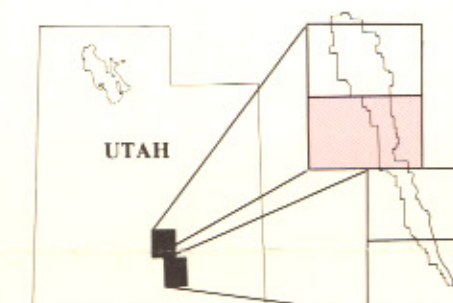
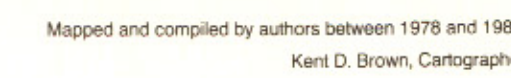
Looking southwest across Waterpocket Fold from Brimhall Arch trailhead on Big Thompson Mesa. Note massive Red Slide in left center

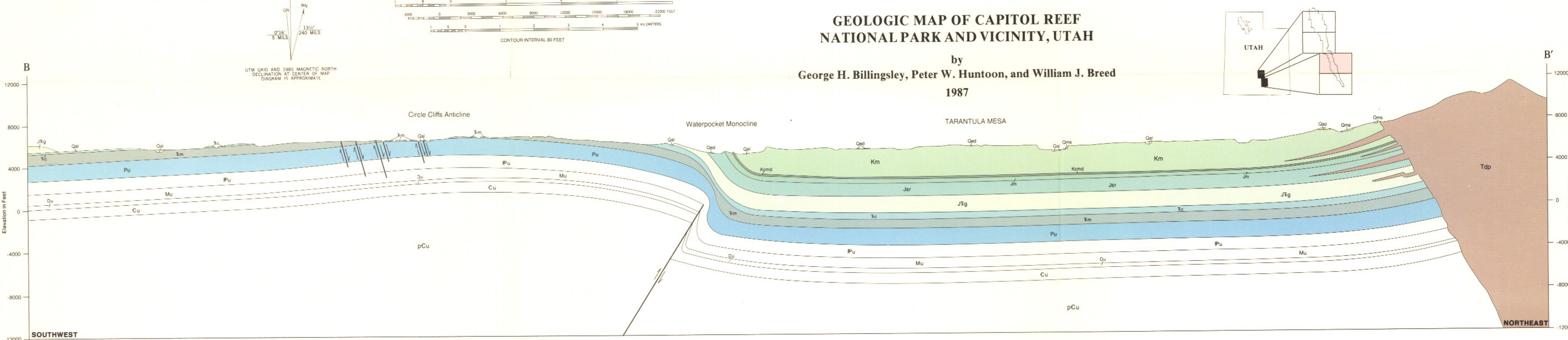
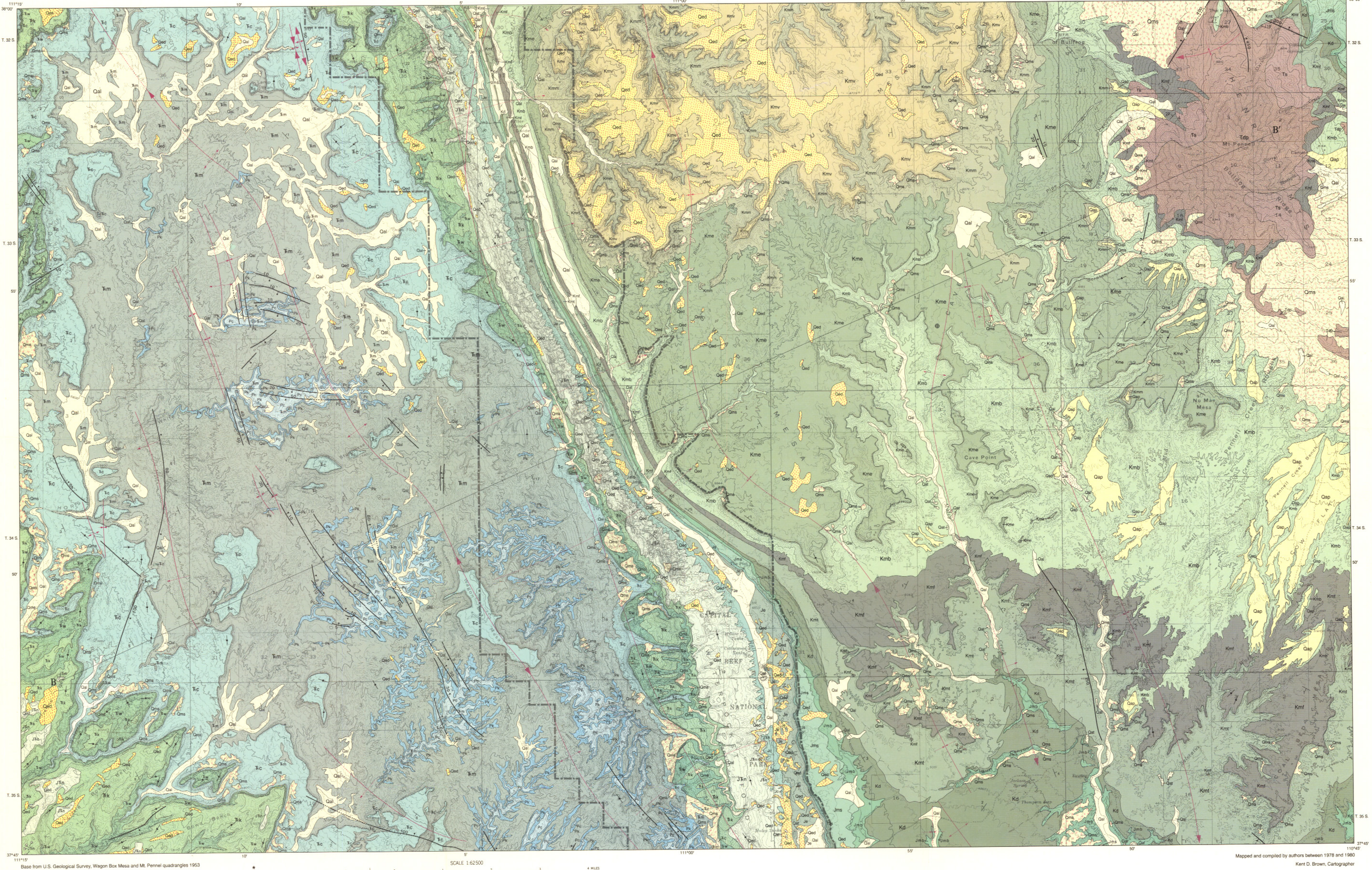


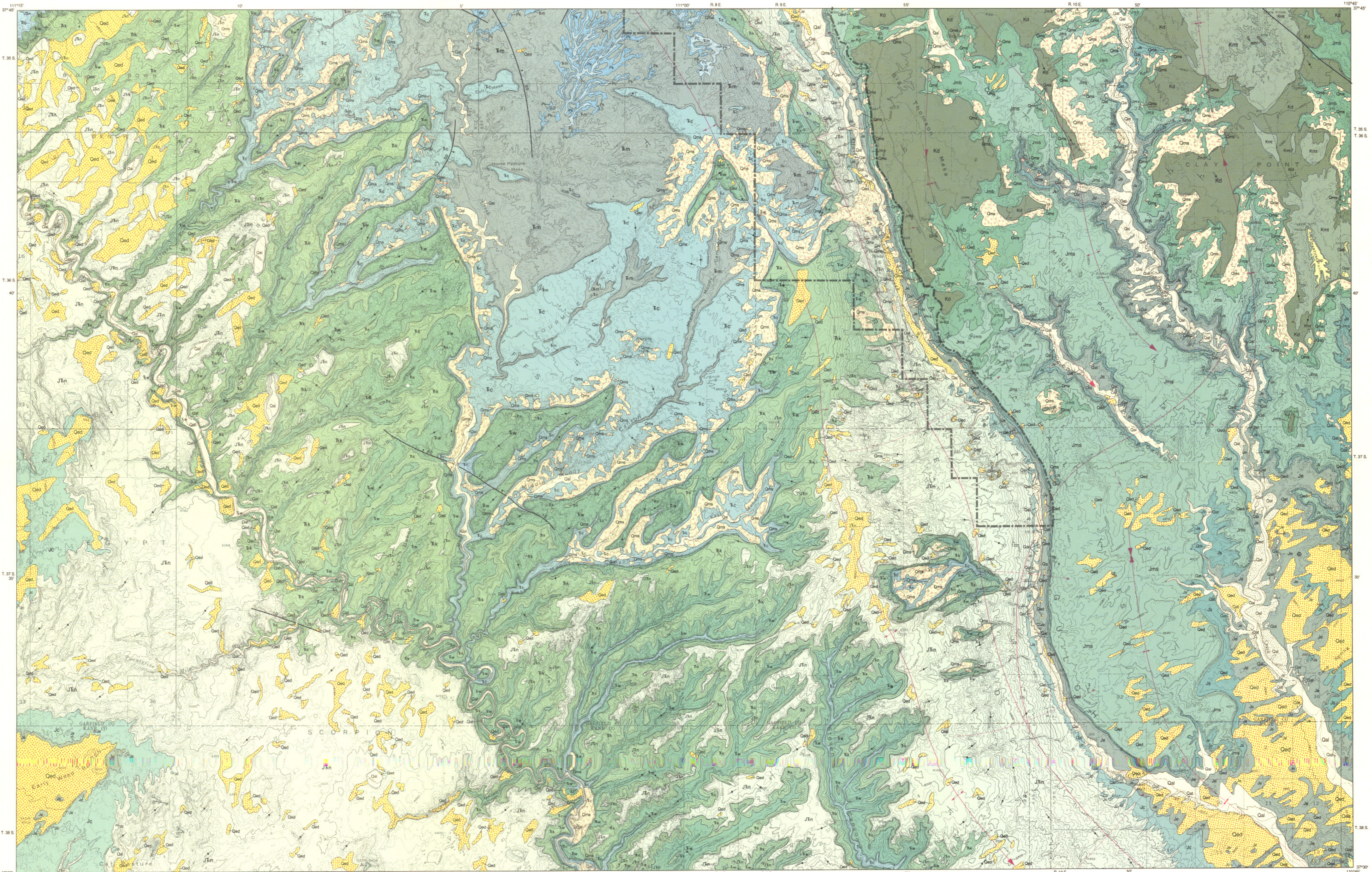
Lower Cathedral, looking west to Thousand Lake Mountain, Entrada Sandstone



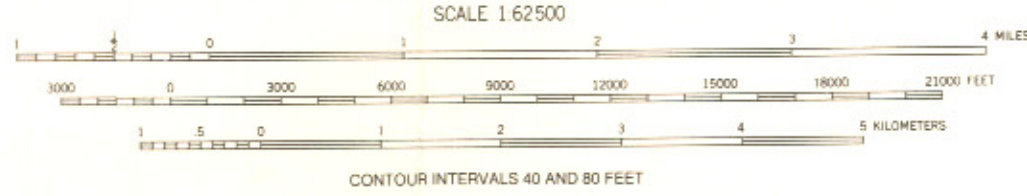
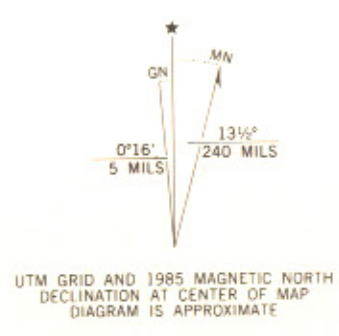
The Castle, along highway 24, Moenkopi Formation through Wingate Sandstone





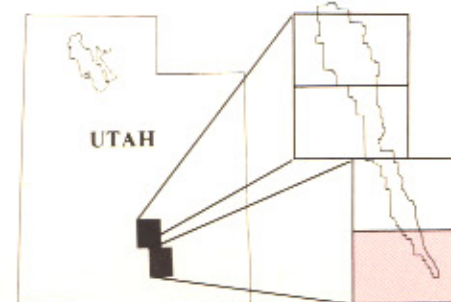


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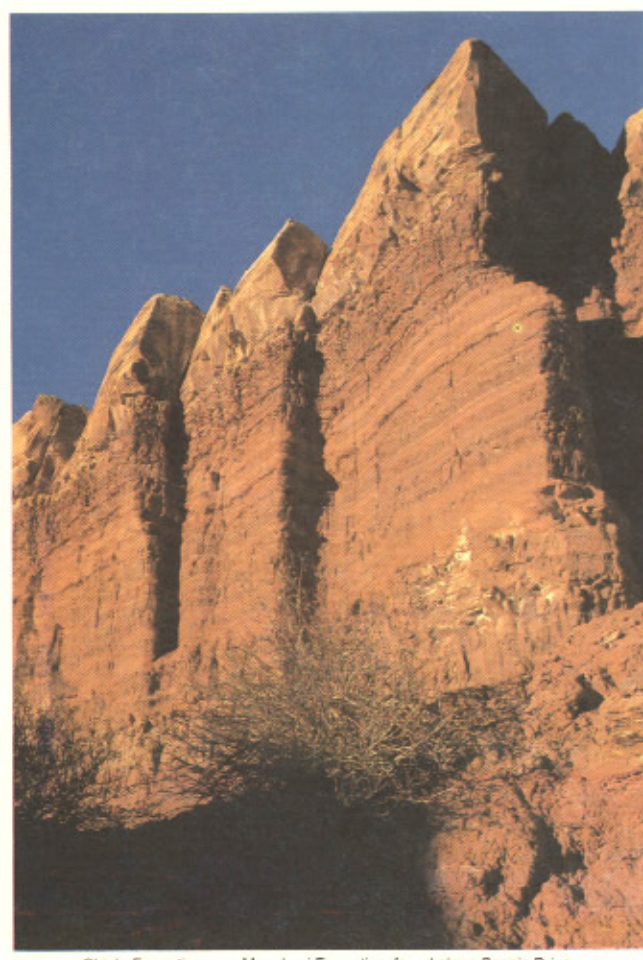


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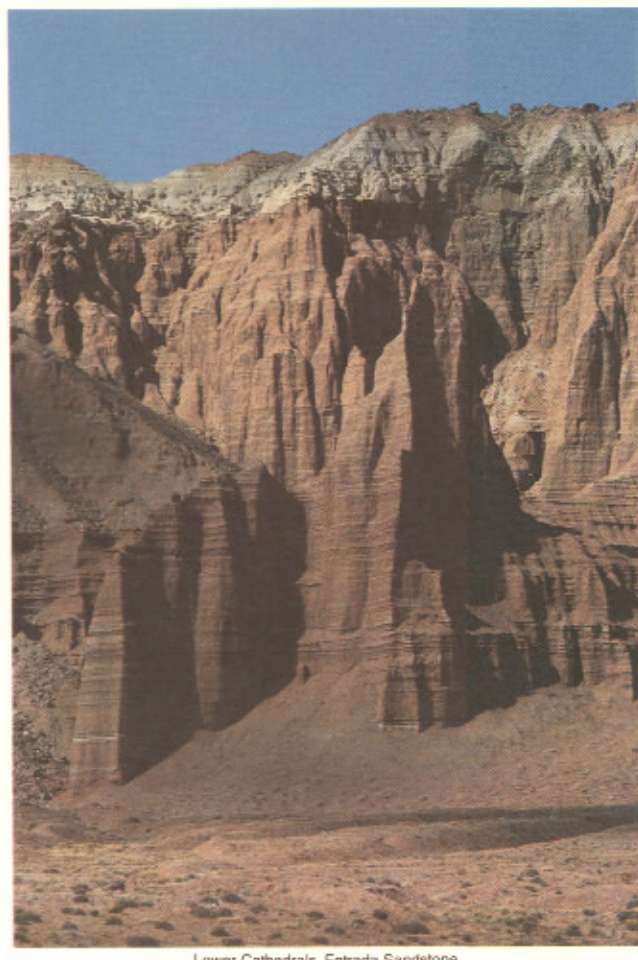
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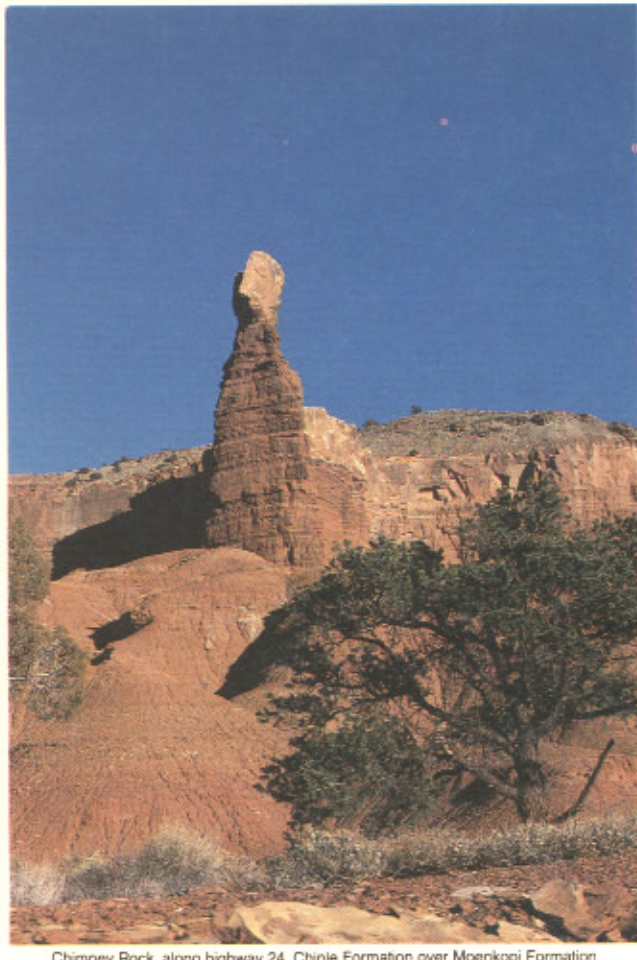
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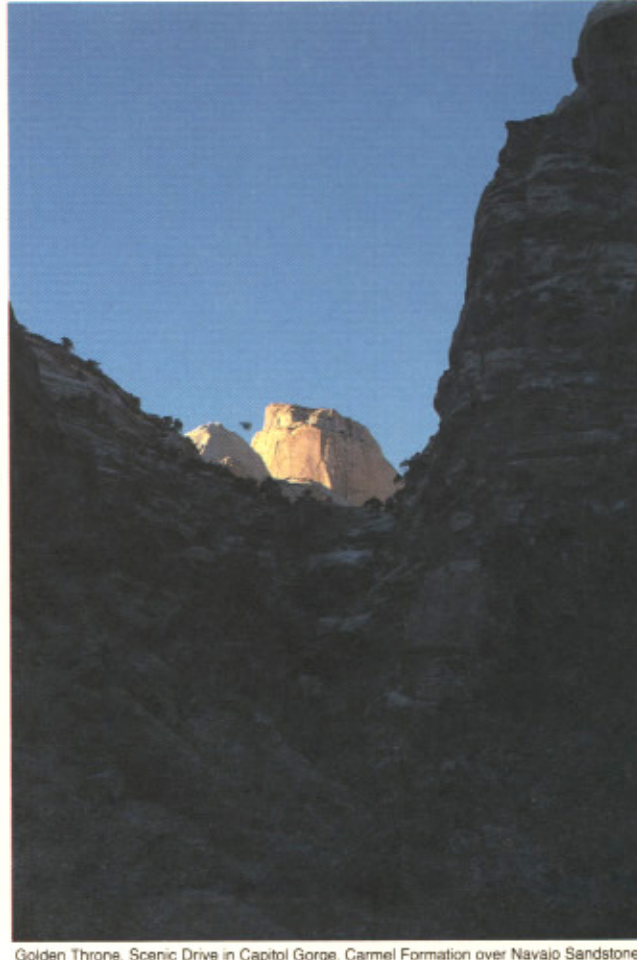
Chinle Formation over Moenkopi Formation, rounded along Scenic Drive.



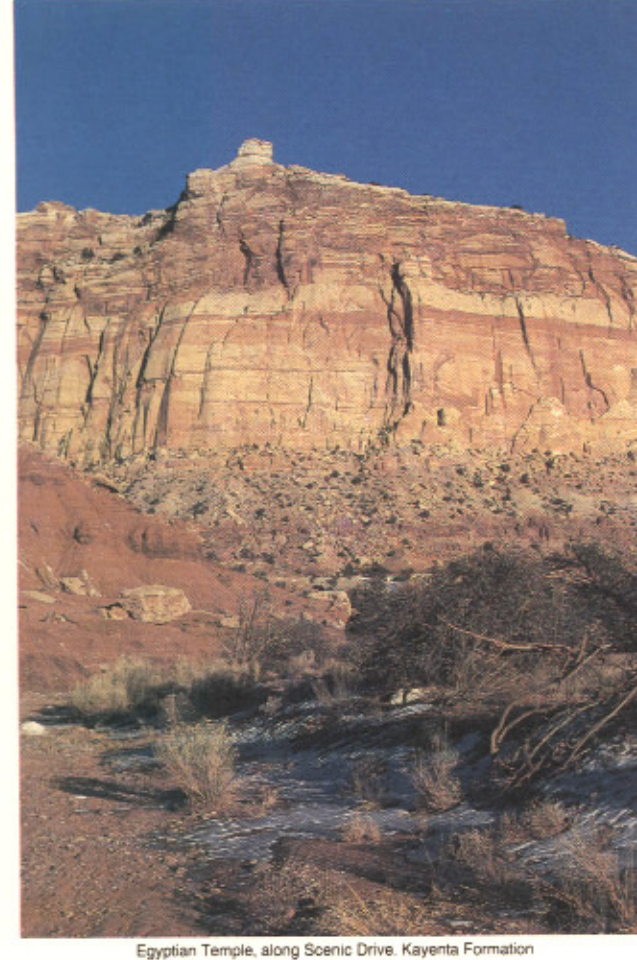
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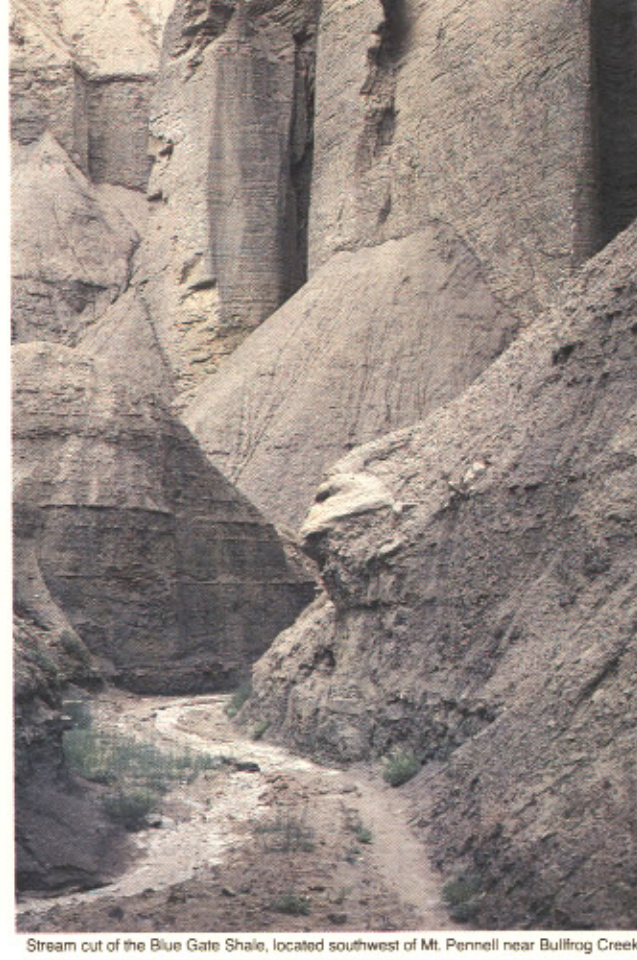
Chimney Rock, along highway 24, Chinle Formation over Moenkopi Formation



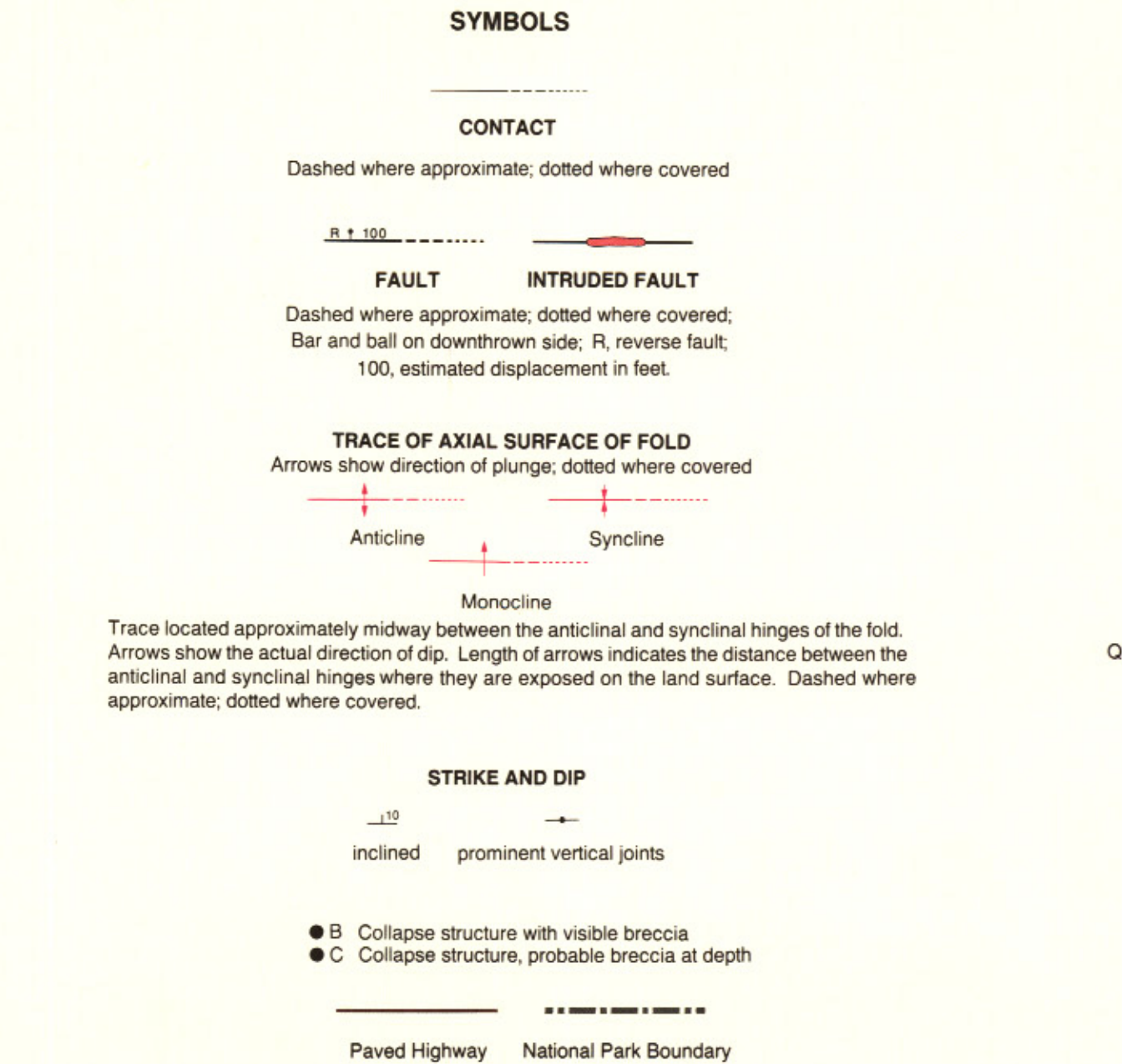
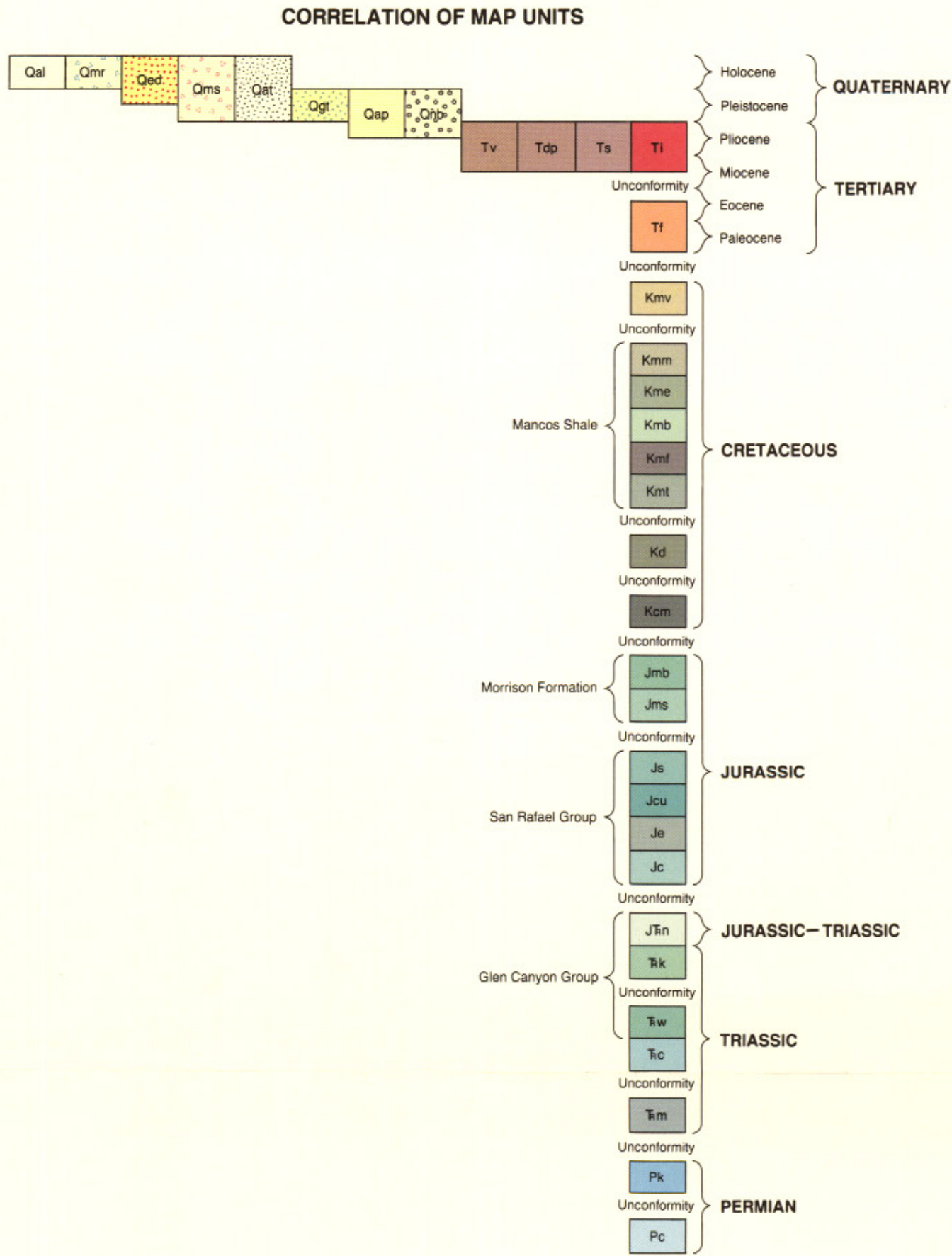
Golden Throne, Scenic Drive in Capitol Gorge, Camel Formation over Navajo Sandstone



Egyptian Temple, along Scenic Drive, Kayenta Formation



Stream cut of the Blue Gate Shale, located southwest of Mt. Pennell near Building Creek



SYSTEM	FORMATION	SYMBOL	THICKNESS (feet)	LITHOLOGY
TERTIARY	FLAGSTAFF LIMESTONE	Tl	500+	
	MESAVERDE FORMATION	Kmv	300-400	
	Masuk Member	Kmm	650-750	
CRETACEOUS	Emery Sandstone Member	Kme	300-400	
	Blue Gate Shale Member	Kmb	1200-1500	
	Ferron Sandstone Member	Kmf	205-385	
	Tununk Shale Member	Kmt	540-720	
	MANCOS SHALE			
JURASSIC	DAKOTA SANDSTONE	Kd	0-150	
	CEDAR MOUNTAIN FORMATION	Kcm	0-166	
	Brushy Basin Member	Jmb	200-350	
	Salt Wash Member	Jms	100-500	
	SUMMERVILLE FORMATION	Js	50-200	
	CURTIS FORMATION	Jcu	0-175	
	ENTRADA SANDSTONE	Je	400-900	
	CARMEL FORMATION	Jc	200-1000	
	NAVAJO SANDSTONE	Jtn	950-1400	
	KAYENTA FORMATION	Tk	350	
TRIASSIC	WINGATE SANDSTONE	Tw	350	
	CHINLE FORMATION	Tc	500-700	
	MOENKOPI FORMATION	Tm	800-1000	
	KAIBAB LIMESTONE	Pk	0-200	
PERMIAN	CUTLER GROUP UNDIVIDED	Pc	800+	

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS ON CROSS SECTIONS

Symbol	Definition	Corresponding Map Symbols
Quaternary/Tertiary	as listed in description of map units	same
Kmv	Mesa Verde Formation	same
Km	Mancos Shale, undivided	Kmt, Kmf, Kmb, Kme, Kmm
Kcmd	Cedar Mountain Formation and Dakota Sandstone, undivided	Kcm, Kd
Jm	Morrison Formation, undivided	Jms, Jmb
Jsr	San Rafael Group, undivided	Jc, Je, Jcu, Js
Jtg	Glen Canyon Group, undivided	Jtn, Tk, Tw
Tc	Chinle Formation	same
Pu	undivided Permian rocks	Pk, Pc
Pu	undivided Pennsylvanian rocks	not exposed
Mu	undivided Mississippian rocks	not exposed
Du	undivided Devonian rocks	not exposed
Cu	undivided Cambrian rocks	not exposed
pCu	undivided Precambrian rocks	not exposed

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

Qal	Alluvial deposits—Includes stream and flood plain deposits bordered by low terraces of boulders, gravel and alluvial fan deposits that consist of boulders, gravel, sand, silt and clay.
Qimr	Rock glacier deposits—Unconsolidated boulder deposits near the tops of Boulder Mountain and Mt. Pennell.
Qed	Eolian deposits—Wind blown sand, fine to medium grained. Forms small dunes and sandsheet deposits.
Qms	Colluvial deposits—Includes rockslides, slumps and talus slopes consisting of a mixture of boulders, gravel, sand and silt.
Qat	Terrace gravel deposits—Higher stream deposits of boulders, gravel, sand and silt. Includes unconsolidated glacial outwash and pediment gravels.
Qgt	Glacial till—A mixture of unsorted angular boulders, gravel and sand. Includes some glacial outwash deposits.
Qap	Pediment deposits—Gently sloping surfaces covered with boulders, cobbles, sand and gravel several hundred feet above adjacent streams and valleys, also on some flat-topped hills and benches. On Mt. Pennell, thinner and less bouldery on lower benches.
Qmb	Boulder deposits—Unconsolidated deposits of a diverse mixture of soil and boulders that generally mantle the upper slopes of Thousand Lake and Boulder mountains. Includes undifferentiated glacial, landslide and alluvial deposits.
Tv	Extrusive volcanics—Chiefly lava flows with interbedded tuffaceous sedimentary rocks overlain by unmapped glacial deposits on Boulder and Thousand Lake mountains.
Tdp	Diorite porphyry—Intrusions of diorite porphyry; includes some monzonite porphyry on Mt. Pennell.
Ts	Shattered sedimentary and igneous rocks—Sedimentary and igneous rocks irregularly intruded by igneous materials. Many dikes and sills.
Tl	Intrusive volcanics—Intrusive rocks; dikes, sills and a few plug-like dikes with intrusive breccias. Thicknesses of dikes are not drawn to scale but do reflect lateral variations.
Tl	Flagstaff Limestone—White fossiliferous limestone, tuffaceous sediment and conglomerate in the northwest; forms ledges and slopes. Thickness is more than 500 feet (150 meters); top and bottom contacts concealed.
Kmv	Mesaverde Formation—Light brown, thick-bedded sandstone and thin interbedded dark gray shale; intertongues with Masuk Member of the Mancos Shale; forms a cliff. Thickness ranges between 300 and 400 feet (90-120 meters). Top is eroded.
Kmm	Masuk Member of the Mancos Shale—Yellowish-gray mudstone and minor bluish-gray to black mudstone with interbedded light gray sandstone; forms slopes and ledges; thickness ranges from 650 to 750 feet (200-230 meters) due to uncertainty of the lower contact with the Emery Sandstone Member.
Kme	Emery Sandstone Member of the Mancos Shale—Light gray to yellow, medium-bedded sandstone containing interbedded carbonaceous shale and coal beds in the upper part; lower beds intertongue with the Blue Gate Shale Member; forms a cliff. Thickness about 300-400 feet (90-120 meters).
Kmb	Blue Gate Shale Member of the Mancos Shale—Laminated blue-gray and black shale with a few interbedded light yellow sandstone and limestone lenses; forms a slope. Thickness ranges from 1,200 feet (365 meters) in the south to 1,500 feet (455 meters) in the north.
Kmf	Ferron Sandstone Member of the Mancos Shale—Fine-grained laminated brown sandstone and some brown, fine-bedded sandstone containing interbedded carbonaceous gray shale and impure coal in the upper part; intertongues with the Tununk Shale Member; forms a cliff and some ledges. Thickness ranges from 205 feet (60 meters) to 385 feet (120 meters).
Kmt	Tununk Shale Member of the Mancos Shale—Bluish gray and black shale; locally fossiliferous; forms a slope. Thickness ranges from 540 feet (165 meters) to 720 feet (220 meters).
Kd	Dakota Sandstone—Yellowish-brown to gray sandstone and conglomerate with interbedded carbonaceous shale and thin coal beds; locally fossiliferous; forms ledges and slopes. Thickness ranges from 0 to 150 feet (0-45 meters).
Kcm	Cedar Mountain Formation—Variegated mudstone and sandstone and conglomerate at the base (the Buckhorn Conglomerate Member). Thickness ranges from 0 to 166 feet (0-50 meters) in the north.
Jmb	Brushy Basin Shale Member of the Morrison Formation—Variegated mudstone including some white, gray and brown sandstone and conglomerate containing abundant red and green chert pebbles; forms a slope. Thickness averages 200 feet (60 meters) in the south and 200-350 feet (60-105 meters) in the north.
Jms	Salt Wash Sandstone Member of the Morrison Formation—Thick-bedded, light gray sandstone and conglomeratic sandstone interbedded with greenish to reddish mudstone; forms ledges and cliffs. Thickness varies from 100-200 feet (30-60 meters) in the north to 500 feet (150 meters) in the south.
Js	Summerville Formation—Thin beds of reddish-brown siltstone and mudstone; forms a slope when weathered; about 50 to 250 feet thick (15 and 75 meters). Map unit includes interbedded red and gray mudstone, pink and white gypsum, gray limestone and gray sandstone in the Tidwell unit of the Morrison Formation (Peterson, 1980). Thickness is about 30 to 100 feet (10-30 meters) and thins southward.
Jcu	Curtis Formation—Thin- to thick-bedded, white, fine-grained calcareous sandstone and minor sandy limestone; forms a cliff. Formation is discontinuous to the south and increases to approximately 175 feet (55 meters) in the north. Grades upward into the Summerville Formation.
Je	Entrada Sandstone—To the south, a slope- to cliff-forming, thin- to thick-bedded reddish brown sandstone and siltstone in the upper and lower part separated by a middle silty slope unit. In the north, generally a red-brown, slope-forming siltstone. Thickness ranges from 400 feet (120 meters) to 900 feet (275 meters).
Jc	Carmel Formation—Very fine-grained, thin-bedded, orange-red sandstone and siltstone; calcareous mudstone common in the lower half and pink gypsiferous siltstone and gray limestone beds in the upper part; forms ledges and slopes. Thickness ranges from 200 feet (60 meters) in the south to 1,000 feet (305 meters) in the north.
Jtn	Navajo Sandstone—White, yellow, and light reddish-brown, large-scale crossbedded, fine-grained sandstone; forms cliffs and hummocky knobs. Thickness ranges from 950 feet (290 meters) in the north to 1,400 feet (425 meters) in the south. Includes Page Sandstone of Middle Jurassic age at top. The Page Sandstone consists of light reddish-brown, fine-grained, large-scale crossbedded sandstone and is about 30 to 60 feet thick (10-20 meters).
Tk	Kayenta Formation—Irregularly bedded, grayish-purple to reddish-brown, thin-bedded, fine-grained sandstone and siltstone; forms ledges and cliffs. Thickness averages 350 feet (105 meters).
Tw	Wingate Sandstone—Reddish-Brown, thin- to thick-bedded, fine-grained sandstone; massive and crossbedded; forms sheer cliffs. Thickness averages 350 feet (105 meters) and thins slightly from east to west.
Tc	Chinle Formation—The Chinle Formation includes the following units in ascending order: a ledge-forming, medium- to coarse-grained crossbedded sandstone and conglomerate (Shinarump Member); a slope-forming greenish-gray bentonitic mudstone, sandstone and minor conglomerate (Petrified Forest Member); a slope- and ledge-forming, thin-bedded, green limestone unit interbedded with red, brown and greenish-gray sandstone (Owl Rock Member); and a ledge-forming fine- to medium-grained red sandstone and siltstone unit (Church Rock Member). Thickness ranges from 500 feet (150 meters) in the east to 700 feet (215 meters) in the west. Distinction between the Monitor Butte and Petrified Forest Members is questionable.
Tm	Moenkopi Formation—The Moenkopi Formation includes the following units in ascending order: a slope-forming white to light gray dolomitic sandstone in the south and a red mudstone and sandstone with gypsum veinlets and stringers in the north (basal unit); a cliff-forming thin- to medium-bedded, brownish-orange and yellow conglomeratic and sandy dolomite (Sinbad Limestone Member); a ledge-forming, grayish-red to brownish-red interbedded sandstone and siltstone with crossbedding and ripple marks (lower ledge-forming unit); a slope-forming reddish brown siltstone and some brown, fine-grained sandstone beds (slope-forming unit); and a ledge-forming, dark reddish-brown, thin-bedded mudstone, sandstone and dolomitic sandstone with veinlets and stringers of gypsum and selenite (upper ledge-forming unit). Thickness ranges from 800 feet (245 meters) to 1,000 feet (305 meters).
Pk	Kaibab Limestone—Thin-bedded, fine-grained, white, calcareous siltstone and porous oolitic dolomite containing chert layers in the upper part; forms a cliff. Formation becomes discontinuous to the south and averages 200 feet thick (60 meters) in the north.
Pc	Cutler Group Undivided—Includes the White Rim Sandstone and Cedar Mesa Sandstone. Light yellow to white, very fine-grained crossbedded sandstone which is thick-bedded and dolomitic in upper part; lower units may be in part of the Cedar Mesa Sandstone Member; forms a cliff. Thickness is over 800 feet (245 meters); base is not exposed.

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